

GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT SERVICES DIGEST

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This Digest is used to transmit information pertaining to the four program components of the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program: Curriculum; Individual Planning; Responsive Services; and System Support to professional school counselors, placement personnel, career and technical school counselors and administrators at all levels throughout the state.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR:

I want to thank each of you who have responded so quickly to my request for your course study guides. It confirms what I knew all along: Missouri School Counselors are helping students develop direction and focus.

If you have not yet sent me a copy of your course study guide, I am still interested in hearing from you. At your convenience, you may send it either electronically to bragg.stanley@dese.mo.gov or by snail mail to:

Bragg Stanley, Director, Guidance and Placement, Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102

Thanks for all you do for our students.

FOR DISTRICT GUIDANCE CONTACTS:

As of today, **45 %** of the 524 public school district guidance contacts have accessed and completed the survey concerning the Guidance Digest. If you have not yet done so, there is still time for you participate. To access the survey, please click on the link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=510463254939>

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR MISSOURI PIONEER IN EDUCATION AWARD:

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is once again seeking nominations of individuals to be honored as Missouri Pioneers in Education. Those nominated will be considered for recognition for their distinguished and far-reaching careers in education and/or their unique contributions to public education at either the local or state level. If you have someone you would like considered for this honor, reply via e-mail with the name and some background information of your nominee along with your contact information to kelli.dickey@dese.mo.gov by Friday March 16, 2007. Be sure to mention that you are replying to an announcement in the Guidance Digest.

The March 16 date is necessary so that your nominee's information can be reviewed and you can be contacted if there is any need for clarification of that information. After the information is reviewed, it will be forwarded to those within DESE responsible for selection of honorees. If you wish to see those previously honored as Missouri Pioneers in Education, please go to <http://dese.mo.gov/commissioner/awards/Pioneers/pioneers.html>.

MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF RETURNING SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES CONFERENCE COMING:

You are invited to attend the upcoming program titled "Mental Health Needs of Returning Soldiers and their Families" being held in Columbia, MO March 8-10, 2007. Please review the website <http://www.imet.us/mentalneeds.php> for more information. If you would like to attend the conference or the banquet, please register or RSVP by March 1, 2007 by calling (573) 445-3823.

SOURCE OF CAREER PLANNING NOW AVAILABLE:

For three years, Kuder and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education have brought you the Missouri College and Career Planning System (MCCPS), but now an enhanced system is available.

Missouri Connections is a new, graphically-advanced and innovative system that takes the place of the MCCPS. This service continues to be provided FREE OF CHARGE. Students (grades 6-14), parents, and educators can now use this enhanced, statewide system available at www.missouriconnections.org.

DEADLINE EXTENDED

The deadline for the ABC awards program for outstanding Elementary Guidance programs has been extended until May 15 2007 Please see all details and the application forms on the National Consortium of State Guidance Leadership web site www.guidanceconsortium.com

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. Inquiries related to Department programs may be directed to the Jefferson State Office Building, Title IX Coordinator, 5th Floor, 205 Jefferson Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0480; telephone number 573-751-4212.

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PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

(From time to time, resources that are brought to our attention through ASCA listservs or other means that could be used as part of a guidance program will be listed here. The readers are encouraged to investigate the resources and decide whether or not they are appropriate for their programs. Listing of these resources does not constitute endorsement by either our section or DESE.)

{CURRICULUM}

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The Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program Curriculum lessons that reflect the newly revised Standards and Grade Level Expectations are available on the Missouri Center for Career Education (MCCE) website at

<http://missouricareereducation.org/curr/cmd/guidanceplacementG/lessons/index.php>

A REMINDER ABOUT THE GLE'S

It has been brought to our attention that some districts might have different configurations of grades that do not exactly fit with the grades noted for certain GLE's as they are written in the lessons on the MCCE website. Please remember that it is always permissible to adapt, if necessary, specific GLE's to meet the needs of your program.

{INDIVIDUAL PLANNING}

A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT CAREER CHOICE: DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS INTERESTED IN GOLF?

The PGA/Professional Golf Management™ (PGM) program, a four-and-one-half year college curriculum for aspiring PGA Professionals, is a structured educational program accredited by The PGA of America.

PGA/PGM™ programs provide students the opportunity to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for success in the golf industry through extensive classroom studies, internship experience and player development. Since its inception in 1975, more than 2,300 students have graduated from a PGA/PGM™ program. To see the colleges and universities participating in this program, go to <http://careernet.pgalinks.com/helpwanted/empcenter/pgaandyou/universities.cfm>

If you have further questions about this program, contact Bill Cioffoletti PGA Master Professional, Director of Recruiting and Community Outreach, PGA of America at 1-800-477-6465 ext. 8559 or 561-624-8559 PGA.com / employment

<http://careernet.pgalinks.com/helpwanted/empcenter/pgaandyou.cfm>

{RESPONSIVE SERVICES}

A REMINDER ON A GOOD RESOURCE TO UTILIZE IN SUICIDE PREVENTION:

Missouri has seven agencies that serve as Regional Resource Centers to provide suicide prevention services across the state.

The Resource Centers engage community partners to develop and implement local strategies, provide public education and training, offer support for survivors, and promote proven practices to help with preventing suicide within their designated service areas. To obtain more information about these centers, go to: <http://www.dmh.missouri.gov/cps/issues/suicide/ResourceCenters.htm>

ABUSE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS BY TEENS-A GROWING CONCERN:

A number of studies are indicating that the intentional abuse of prescription drugs by teens to get high is a growing concern. An analysis by the Office of National Drug Control Policy indicates that prescription drugs are the second most abused illegal drug after marijuana. The analysis states that although overall teen drug abuse is down nationwide, there are signs that teens view abusing prescription drugs as safer than illegal drugs and that parents are unaware of the problem. To see the complete report, go to <http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/>

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{SYSTEM SUPPORT}

SOMETHING TO SHARE WITH TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS

The College Board has announced the official launch of the AP Course Audit, the process through which schools may request authorization to label their 2007-08 courses "AP." To see more information about the process, please go to:

http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/courses/teachers_corner/46361.html

CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS OF NOTE:

A. MISSOURI SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (MSCA) SPRING CONFERENCE will be held on **Friday March 2, 2007 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City**. Trish Madsen of Kansas City will be introducing "STEP-UP" a female bullying prevention program. Much of what Ms. Madsen will address can also be utilized in situations with boys. A registration form is available by going to <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/> and clicking on the January Newsletter link.

B. PATHWAYS TO STUDENT SUCCESS CONFERENCE will be held **March 4-6, 2007 at Tan Tar A**. Complete conference details are available at: <http://dese.mo.gov/divteachqual/leadership/>

C. THE ANNUAL MISSOURI ACT STATE CONFERENCE will be held with a Pre-Conference on **Wednesday March 14, 2007**, and the regular conference on **Thursday, March 15, 2007**, at the **Holiday Inn Select, Columbia, MO**. For more details on the conference and access to an online registration form, go to <http://www.act.org/midwest/pdf/mo07.pdf>

D. SPRING TRAINING INSTITUTE will be held **May 16-18, 2007 at Tan Tar A**. This conference, sponsored by the Missouri Department of Mental Health, gives attendees the opportunity to learn more about mental health issues that confront Missourians of all ages. For more information about this, go to <http://www.dmh.missouri.gov/cps/springtraining/springtraining.htm>

E. THE AMERICAN SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (ASCA) CONFERENCE WILL be **June 23-26, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center**. For more information, go to: <http://www.schoolcounselor.org/content.asp?pl=325&sl=129&contentid=182>

F. MILITARY CHILD EDUCATION COALITION (MCEC) CONFERENCE will be **July 11-13, 2007 with a pre-conference July 10-11 at the Westin Crown Center in Kansas City**. For more information and a registration form, go to: <http://www.militarychild.org/KansasCity.asp>

G. ANNUAL CHARACTER EDUCATION CONFERENCE will be held **July 19-20, 2007, in St. Louis**. Information is available at <http://www.characterplus.org/>

H. 2007 MISSOURI ACTE SUMMER CONFERENCE AND CAREER AND TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS WILL be held **July 23-July 26, 2007 in Springfield**. Watch for further information.